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CAPACITATIVE ELEMENT, AND INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend without prejudice the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin at page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.